

Appl. No. 09/633,180
Atty. Docket No. 8191
Amdt. dated 16 September 2004
Reply to Office Action of 21 April 2004
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16, 28 and 30-50 are pending in the present application. Claims 34-50 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 34-50 have been cancelled, without prejudice, as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as their invention. Support for the amendment is found at page 14, lines 6-15 of the present specification.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested

Rejection Under 35 USC 112, First Paragraph

The Office Action states that Claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16 and 28 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as purportedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Specifically, the Office Action states that the definition of R₂ (i.e., mono- or polyvalent inorganic cation and a mono- or polyvalent organic cation) lacks description in the specification.

The Applicants wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the Amendment section of the instant paper, in which the Applicants have amended Claim 1, from which the balance of the above-listed claims ultimately depend, to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as their invention. Support for the present amendments is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, and specifically at page 14, lines 6-15 of the present specification. Specifically, the Applicants have amended Claim 1 to limit the phrase "heterogenous group" recited in the claims to the definition provided in the present specification. This amendment is being made in strict accordance with the Examiner's suggestions for overcoming the instant rejection. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to Claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16 and 28.

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Conclusion

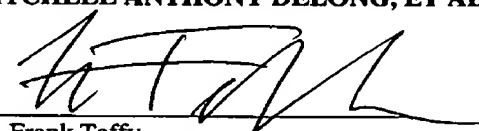
In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place their application in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16, 28 and 30-33.

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